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In re Application of DEAN et al :
U.S. Application No.: 10/551,628 :
PCT Application No.: PCT/GB2004/001386 :
Int. Filing Date: 31 March 2004 : DECISION
Priority Date Claimed: 01 April 2003 :
Attorney Docket No.: 05-803 :
For: SIGNAL PROCESSING APPARATUS AND :
METHOD :

This is in response to applicant's "Petition for Revival of an Application for Patent Abandoned Unintentionally Under 37 CFR 1.137(b)" filed 23 February 2007.

BACKGROUND

On 31 March 2004, applicant filed international application papers with the United States Receiving Office (RO/US). The submission was assigned the above-identified International Application Number and International Filing Date.

On 31 March 2004, applicant filed international application PCT/GB2004/001386, which claimed priority of an earlier United Kingdom application filed 01 April 2003. A copy of the international application was communicated to the USPTO from the International Bureau on 14 October 2004. The thirty-month period for paying the basic national fee in the United States expired on 01 October 2005.

On 30 September 2005, applicant filed national stage papers in the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US). The submission was accompanied by, *inter alia*, the basic national fee required by 35 U.S.C. 371(c)(1).

On 13 June 2006, the DO/EO/US mailed a Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. 371 (Form PCT/DO/EO/905), which indicated that an oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497 must be filed.

International application PCT/GB2004/001386 became abandoned as to the United States for failure to timely respond to the Notification of Missing Requirements.

On 23 February 2007, applicant filed the present petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b).

DISCUSSION

Under 37 CFR 1.137(b), a petition requesting that an application be revived on the grounds of unintentional abandonment must be accompanied by: (1) the required reply unless previously filed, (2) the petition fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(m), (3) a statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition was unintentional, and (4) a terminal disclaimer if the application was filed before 08 June 1995.

With regard to item (1), applicant has provided the required reply under 35 U.S.C. 371.

With regard to item (2), applicant has provided the required petition fee.

With regard to item (3), applicant has provided the required statement.

With regard to item (4), because the international application was filed after 08 June 1995, no terminal disclaimer is required.

CONCLUSION

For the reasons above, the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) is GRANTED.

The application has an International Filing Date under 35 U.S.C. 363 of 31 March 2004 and a date under 35 U.S.C. 371(c)(1), (c)(2), and (c)(4) of 23 February 2007.

This application is being forwarded to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) for further processing in accordance with this decision.

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